

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Senator Christine Kaufmann, on March 10, 2009 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jeff Essmann, Chairman (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 486, 2/17/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 486

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:24 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on
SB 486, Revise law on use of public safety mill levies.

[EXHIBIT\(tas53a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas53a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas53a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:20 Joseph Sands, Montana State Firemen's Association,
Billings

[EXHIBIT\(tas53a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas53a05\)](#)

00:19:29 Clayton Fiscus, Chairman, Citizens For Honest Ballots

[EXHIBIT\(tas53a06\)](#)

00:22:44 Dan Cotrell, Montana State Council of Professional
Firefighters

00:25:45 Kevin Bentz, Member, Montana State Firemen's
Association

00:28:20 Doug Neil, representing Montana State Firemen's
Association

00:28:35 Kurt Bushnell, Captain, Bozeman Fire Department, also
President, Montana State Firemen's Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:28:57 Vince Ruegamer, Billings City Council also Vice
President, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:36:24 Alec Hansen, League of Cities and Towns

00:40:39 Christina F. Volek, City Administrator, City of
Billings

[EXHIBIT\(tas53a07\)](#)

00:45:37 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(tas53a08\)](#)

Written testimony dated March 2, 2009 submitted by
Jason Wiener

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:46:50 Sen. Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 8:55 A.M.

Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([tas53aad.pdf](#))